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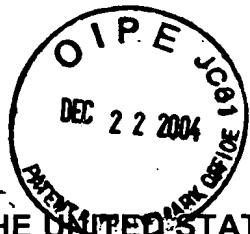
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 20040924, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.